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MULTIPLE LANE CLOSURES SLATED FOR I-285 AND I-75 RESURFACING PROJECTS THIS WEEKEND

ATLANTA –The Georgia Department of Transportation is planning triple and quadruple lane closures on I-285 and I-75 throughout the weekend for resurfacing, weather permitting. Several ramp closures will be in place on both projects as well.

On I-75, four northbound left lanes and three left southbound lanes will be closed between University Avenue and I-285 in Clayton County all weekend. Additionally, several ramps in both directions in the project area will be temporarily closed for resurfacing and detours will be in place for those ramps.

On I-285, three right eastbound lanes will be closed for construction between Chamblee-Tucker Road and Ashford-Dunwoody Road all weekend. Eastbound ramps at Buford Highway and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard will be temporarily closed for paving. Well-marked detours will be in place for those ramps while they are closed.

"The projects are going well. The traffic backups have been significant and I think they will continue every weekend until we wrap up these projects near the end of paving season when the weather gets cooler," said DOT District Construction Engineer Lee Upkins.

Here is a list of this weekend's work:

Clayton & Fulton, 8/19/11 to 8/22/11, 9pm to 5am, continuously.

<u>I-75 NB</u>, between MP 237 (Forest Pkwy.) and MP 244 (University Ave.), four left lanes closed for resurfacing.

Clayton, 8/19/11 to 8/22/11, 9pm to 5am, continuously.

<u>I-75 NB & SB</u>, between MP 239 (C.W. Grant) and MP 239 (C.W. Grant), HOV entrance and exit ramps closed for resurfacing.

Fulton & Clayton, 8/19/11 to 8/22/11, 9pm to 5am, continuously.

<u>I-75 SB</u>, between MP 245 (Pryor St.) and MP 238 (I-285), three left lanes closed for resurfacing.

Fulton, 8/19/11 to 8/22/11, 9pm to 5am, continuously.

<u>I-75 NB</u>, between MP 247 (Memorial Dr.) and MP 247 (Memorial Dr.), HOV entrance ramp closed for resurfacing.

Fulton, 8/21/11 to 8/22/11, 7pm to 5am.

SR 141 SB, between MP 1 (Roxboro Rd.) and MP 1 (Stratford Rd.), one right lane closed for corridor improvements.

DeKalb, 8/19/11 to 8/22/11, 9pm to 5am, continuously.

<u>I-285 EB</u>, between MP 30 (Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.) and MP 32 (Buford Hwy.), three right lanes and off ramp to Buford Highway bridge closed for micromilling and paving.

DeKalb, 8/19/11 to 8/20/11, 9pm to 5am.

<u>I-285 EB</u>, between MP 31 (Peachtree Industrial Blvd.) and MP 31 (Peachtree Industrial Blvd.), off ramps (exits 31A and 31B) closed for milling and inlaying.

Fulton, 8/19/11 to 8/22/11, 8pm to 5am, continuously.

<u>I-75 NB & SB</u>, between MP 250 (Northside Dr.) and MP 251 (I-85 NB), exit ramp to I-85 (SB) and the HOV exit ramp (NB) closed for restriping.

Fulton, 8/19/11 to 8/20/11, 10pm to 5pm.

<u>I-285 SB</u>, between MP 2 (Camp Creek Pkwy.) and MP 2 (Camp Creek Pkwy.), two right lanes closed for slab replacement.

Fulton, 8/21/11, 7am to 11am.

<u>I-85 NB & SB</u>, MP 59 between Coweta Co. line and SR 74/Senoia Rd, all lanes paced several times to pull Georgia Power cable across the interstate.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this project. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, construction, and delays due to bad weather. Callers can also reach live operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org. Georgia 511 – we'll get you there.